60th Anniversary Celebration

On September 20th, BBF celebrated its 60th Anniversary at a gala that took place in the UPMC Club, Heinz Field. It was a lovely evening with over 400 guests in attendance, all were moved to see how many old friends and passionate supporters came to share in the incredible story of the work of BBF that began in 1958. Special thanks for the evening go to the gala co-chairs, Susan and Roy Dorrance and Caroline and Tom Wentling, who provided guidance and backing that led to a simply wonderful event. Throughout the night, speakers guided the audience through BBF’s impactful history, focused on disaster response, and plans for the next 60 years. There were emotional accounts of the recent on-going response in Puerto Rico and BBF President Luke Hingson’s very personal recent on-going response in Puerto Rico and BBF’s future plans related to its E4 program, which will focus on another more effective disaster response with substantial support from the Eden Hall Foundation.

The pictures can’t quite do the event justice, we’d like to share a few highlights with you. Notations of the gala sponsors who made the evening possible are listed below and on page two with our sincere thanks.

Countries and Territories Served in 2018

Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Kazakhastan, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Lithuania, Malawi, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Palestine, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Ukraine, United States of America, U.S. Virgin Islands, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
President’s Report
by Luke Hingson

On behalf of my wife Nancy and the entire Hingson family, we wish to thank the Trustees and staff of BBF for their efforts making BBF’s 60th Anniversary Gala a resounding success.

In the first eight months of 2018, product contributions totaled $72,644,117 and product shipments totaled $40,960,742. Direct shipments and medical mission trip support went to people in need in 66 countries. So far this year, BBF has worked in both Puerto Rico and St. Croix, continuing to assist with recovery efforts from Hurricanes Irma and Maria. In the first eight months of the year, the BBF Medical Program sent 65 containers of assistance to countries in need while BBF’s Education Program sent 16 container equivalents holding more than 249 tons of library books, textbooks and teaching materials.

BBF Hurricane Update: Florence and, One Year Later, Maria

BBF’s response to Hurricane Florence has progressed quickly. At the start, BBF quickly funded two Gleaning for the World shipments of general disaster relief items. Shortly thereafter, BBF supported an additional Gleaning for the World shipment of water and, as we go to press, BBF is arranging a food bank transfer with Feeding America.

In Puerto Rico, BBF is funding three solar projects, all through the Ponce Medical School Foundation. The first of these installations was completed in the town of Jayuya last month. Jayuya is a town of 16,000 located in the mountainous, eastern part of the island. The clinic there is the only medical center within an hour’s drive, and the addition of a solar backup system will be of critical importance in helping ensure that all residents in the area are able to receive care. The exact location of the next two solar panel systems on the additional selected clinics is yet to be determined, but their installation is expected to be completed soon.

BBF Education Program Update

This summer, BBF’s Education Program sent three ocean-going containers of new textbooks and educational materials to overseas partner organizations from BBF’s Pittsburgh warehouse. Two shipments of almost 20,000 books were sent to the Makati Rotary Club in the Philippines, where they will be distributed to a network of schools. An additional shipment of over 12,000 books was sent to Guyana with BBF’s long-time partner, Food for the Poor.

BBF is grateful to the publishers and individuals who help us support education and literacy efforts in countries around the globe through their generous gift-in-kind donations.

60th Anniversary Gala Sponsors (Continued)
A medical mission team from Love of Christ Presbyterian Church in Bayside, New York, recently traveled to Rio Azul and Purral, Costa Rica. BBF supported this effort with a donation of eight pounds of basic medical supplies and 57 bottles of medication for use in this trip that helped the team provide medical and vision care to 360 people and dental care to 240 at Hospital del Alma. The remaining supplies were left with a partnering missionary that is in the process of establishing a sustainable clinic. Many of those served received care from the team because they had no medical insurance, principally due to a lack of legal documentation as they were immigrating from Nicaragua.

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**BBF-Supported Medical Mission Trips**

Mission Partners for Christ in Cameroon and Chad

Thanks to Illinois-based medical mission team, Mission Partners for Christ, over a thousand people in Daba, Chad and Guidiguis, Cameroon recently received medical, dental and vision care. The team, which BBF has worked with in the past and to which it was happy to provide medical supplies for this most recent trip, treated as many people as possible before leaving the remaining supplies to a local physician to continue this good work.

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Bethany Romanian Baptist Church in Romania

A California-based medical mission team from Bethany Romanian Baptist Church recently returned from a trip to Romania. BBF supported this trip with a donation of medical supplies and specialized care kits that the team used to provide medical care to 245 patients at the Orasul Nou and Nazarcea clinics. In particular, the team noted the incidental usefulness of a laceration kit that had been included in the numerous supplies. A group of children were playing soccer while barefoot nearby and one of them ended up with a significant cut that the team was able to treat immediately. A much happier end to what could have been a dangerous situation. We’re glad the team was there too!

**BBF’s Mission Trip Program in 2018**

In the first eight months of 2018, BBF provided medical supplies and pharmaceuticals to 298 medical mission trips to 55 countries.
Same Mission, Changing Circumstances 1990-2000

While Brother’s Brother Foundation’s mission has not changed, its activities have adapted to evolving circumstances—social needs, philanthropic opportunities and solving some of the world’s most pressing problems. With the dramatic decline of targeted infectious diseases, BBF continued and expanded its agricultural program. It provided seeds: 7,742 tons of them—enough to sow the entire state of Maryland—to impoverished agricultural communities around the world. From 1990 to 2000, BBF was the largest private charitable distributor of donated seeds to temperate climates. But as the temperate climates that it largely served became self-sufficient and the seed production industry consolidated, the agricultural program went into decline. The Foundation also began sending donating books abroad beginning with its first shipment to Liberia in 1961—a donation transported by the US government at the behest of President Kennedy. Since that time, BBF has shipped 101 million requested books to more than 25 million students in 112 countries, becoming the largest non-governmental book distributor in the world. This assistance has helped many governments develop their national education programs. Because of this expanding infrastructure and the decline in textbook inventories (especially as publishers moved more toward e-books and print-on-demand titles), the need and availability of books has declined.

As immunological, educational and (at least in temperate zones) agricultural needs in the world became less acute, BBF began to focus on long-term health care. This included the development of partnerships with a variety of pharmaceutical manufacturers and vendors. Consequently, in the past 15 years the Foundation went from distributing 300,000 bottles of medicine per year to almost ten times that amount—an average of 2.7 million bottles annually, shipped to physicians, clinics, small hospitals and other healthcare facilities in 46 countries around the world.

BBF long ago adopted the motto, “Connecting People’s Resources with People’s Needs,” as an aspiration flexible enough to adapt to the world’s ever-changing needs, and its Board, staff and supporters continue to make good on that pledge.

Combined Federal Campaign
BBF’s new Combined Federal Campaign number is 12228

Brother’s Brother Foundation is pleased to report that financial support from federal employees continues. Many thanks to both our new and renewing CFC donors. BBF is a member of Charity Without Borders, America’s federation of emergency relief, development, and humanitarian outreach charities. Look for BBF in the 2018 campaign brochure. For donors who are not government employees, please remember that some employers match individual donations. Ask about your employer’s matching gifts program. This is a great way to give to BBF. Thank you!